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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action dated June 15, 2001.

As to the Examiners' first comment, please note that the Request for Continued Examination specifically sought entry of the Preliminary Amendment filed on the November 9, 2000. That amendment requested that claims 33-36, 38, 40 and 43 be cancelled, and that claims 44-63 be substituted therefore.

As to the species, this was not completely understood, as each specie refers to the "exhaust air motor". If supply air motor was intended, then the applicant hereby elects to prosecute the first species, wherein the regulating means regulates the room pressure relative to the outside air pressure, i.e. claim 46. Species 2 through 5 appear to relate to claims 47-50, respectively, which the applicant agrees to withdraw, without prejudice, as well as claim 61, which relates to claim 47.

If this is an incorrect reading of the species requirement, the examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the number given below, to discuss this election further.

Based on the above, favorable consideration of the application is respectfully requested.
Please note that a change of address is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,



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